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This communication is in response to Appellant's amendment filed on 15 April 2011. Appellant's amendment is entered. No further action is necessary, the appeal should now be considered by the Board.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 13, 18, 39, 45, 48, 51 and 56 were rejected with a new ground of rejection (112(2)) in a subsequent Examiner's Answer on 29 June 2010. Appellant did not respond to Examiner's subsequent Examiner's Answer within the 2 month time period. Accordingly, the appeal is sua sponte dismissed with respect to claims 1, 7, 10, 13, 18, 39, 45, 48, 51 and 56. Appellant's amendment filed on 15 April 2011 cancels claims 2-5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14-17, 40-43, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52-55 and 58-61 which depend from the dismissed claims. Appellant also additionally cancels the dismissed claims. Because Appellant's amendment reduces the issues for appeal, Appellant's amendment is entered. The status of the claims are as follows:

Claims 1-19, 25 and 38-61 are canceled.

Claims 20-24 and 26-37 are currently pending.

Claims 20-24 and 26-37 were timely appealed.

All issues relating to the appeal of claims 20-24 and 26-37 have been briefed (Reply brief filed 2/9/09) and are currently pending before the Board.

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